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1. The construction of the new harbor at Mangalia has been underway for the past year and a half. [REDACTED] work on the harbor seems to be still in the initial construction stages. 25X1A
 2. On 1 January 1951, Sovromconstructie which had spent the year of 1950 at work on the harbor, withdrew from this project. The excuse was that the necessary implements were either lacking or the excavators and steam shovels were out of order.
 3. At the beginning of the year, officials on the Danube-Black Sea canal officially took over the project. The Sovromconstructie has been withdrawing its equipment since that time and were still doing so when informant left Mangalia on 10 March 1951. No work has since been done on the harbor; it is not known when work will be resumed.
 4. The two breakwaters which had formed the old harbor were extended by 200 meters. One breakwater is curved and the other is straight; during October and December 1950, severe storms wrecked the new breakwater extensions so that at present there are only 20 meters of the straight breakwater remaining intact and 30 meters of the curved one.
 5. Immediately to the rear of the harbor there is a deep lake. Present plans are to make this lake the port, and a channel 40 meters wide and one meter deep has already been dug to connect the harbor with the lake. There is water in the channel at present, and the project calls for dredging the earth from the channel to deepen it for large vessels.
 6. There was a dredge in the harbor of Mangalia last summer; it left before winter arrived. The harbor itself is now used only by fishing vessels since the depth is only four or five feet.
 7. There are four barracks under construction for the use of Rumanian soldiers along the south edge of the lake. These barracks are approximately 80 meters by 15 meters. The work on the channel and the harbor is being done by about 3,000 Rumanian troops who now live in wooden barracks northwest of the town.

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8. There is no military or anti-aircraft protection for the harbor; a single soldier stands at the entrance to each breakwater. There are several old fortifications along the harbor's edge and along the beach. These have been abandoned and are used by local fishermen for drying fish.
9. Reconstruction of the storm-wrecked breakwaters is underway. There are about seven hundred 5,000 kilo concrete blocks which are being emplaced by military units. These Rumanian soldiers are not armed, except that the unit has three or four small anti-tank weapons. The project is classified as a "military" one and this accounts for the use of the "politically unreliable" Rumanian soldiers by the Danube-Black Sea canal authorities.
10. About five kilometers north of Mangalia, there is an area of about 600 acres in size which is well-guarded by many Rumanian soldiers. Reportedly, underground deposits are located in this area. The area is located above a cliff overlooking the Black Sea and covered by trees. The Constanta-Mangalia railroad line passes through this area.
11. Two months ago, the air raid sirens were replaced in Mangalia. They have not yet been tested, although during this same period the sirens were sounded in a practice alert in Constanta. Since 1940 the shops and public buildings were required to have sand, fire extinguishers and fire axes on the premises; this order has not been rescinded.